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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/228 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS: CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES

ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF WASTES, PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS WASTES, AND OF TOXIC CHEMICALS, AS WELL AS PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN TOXIC AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS AND WASTES: ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES

Environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes [(including prevention of illegal international traffic in hazardous wastes)]

(Section II, chapter 12, of Agenda 21)

Corrigendum

1. At the end of paragraph 1 insert

This will require the active cooperation and participation of the international community, Governments and industry. Industry, as referred to in this paper, shall include large industrial enterprises, including transnational corporations and domestic industry.

2. Paragraph 7 (a) should read

(a) Prevention or minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes as part of an overall integrated cleaner production approach; elimination or reduction to a minimum of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes, consistent with the environmentally sound and efficient management of those wastes; and ensuring that environmentally sound hazardous waste management options are pursued to the maximum extent possible within the country of origin (the self-sufficiency principle). The transboundary movements that take place should be based on environmental and economic grounds and upon agreements between all States concerned;

3. Paragraph 7 (d) should read

(d) Elimination of export of hazardous wastes to countries which, individually or through international agreements, prohibit the import of such wastes such as the contracting parties to the Bamako Convention, to Lomé IV, or to other relevant conventions, where such prohibition is provided for.

4. The square brackets around paragraph 8 (d) should be removed.

5. Paragraph 9

(a) First sentence

For amount of wastes read amount of hazardous wastes

(b) Second sentence

For disposal of wastes read disposal of such wastes

(c) Fourth sentence

For in waste management read in hazardous waste management

6. Paragraph 10

(a) First sentence

For the recovery of wastes read the recovery of hazardous wastes

(b) Second sentence

For a central focus of waste minimization read a central focus of hazardous waste minimization

7. Paragraph 12 (a)

Before waste minimization insert hazardous

8. Paragraph 13 (b)

After economic or regulatory incentives insert , where appropriate,

9. Paragraphs 13 (c), (d), (f), (h) and (j) should read

(c) Governments should intensify research and development activities on cost-effective alternatives for processes and substances that currently result in the generation of hazardous wastes that pose particular problems for environmentally sound disposal or treatment, the possibility of ultimate phase-out to be considered as soon as practicable of those substances that present an unreasonable or otherwise unmanageable risk and that are toxic, persistent and bioaccumulative. Emphasis should be given to alternatives that could be economically accessible to developing countries;

(d) Governments according to their capacities and available resources and with the cooperation of the United Nations and other relevant organizations and industries, as appropriate, should support the establishment of domestic facilities to handle hazardous wastes of domestic origin;

(f) Governments should encourage industry to treat, recycle, reuse and dispose of wastes at the source of generation, or as close as possible thereto, whenever hazardous waste generation is unavoidable and when it is both economically and environmentally efficient to do so;

(h) Governments in collaboration with industry, where necessary, should promote cleaner production through the establishment of centres providing training and information on environmentally sound technologies;

(j) A relevant and competent United Nations organization should take the lead, in cooperation with other organizations, to develop guidelines for estimating the costs and benefits of various approaches to the adoption of cleaner production and waste minimization and environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, including rehabilitation of contaminated sites, taking into account, where appropriate, the report of the Nairobi meeting of government-designated experts on an international strategy and an action programme, including technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, in particular in the context of the work of the Basel Convention, being developed under the UNEP secretariat.

10. Paragraphs 14 (e) and (f) should read

(e) The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) should, in cooperation with other organizations, undertake a comprehensive survey of, and disseminate information on, experiences of member countries in adopting economic regulatory schemes and incentive mechanisms for hazardous

waste management and for the use of clean technologies that prevent such wastes from being generated;

(f) Governments should encourage industries to be transparent in their operations and provide relevant information to the communities that might be affected by the generation, management and disposal of hazardous wastes.

11. Paragraph 15 should read

15. International/regional cooperation should encourage the ratification by States of the Basel and Bamako Conventions and promote the implementation of those Conventions. Regional cooperation will be necessary for the development of similar conventions in regions other than Africa, if so required. In addition there is a need for effective coordination of international regional and national policies and instruments. Another activity proposed is cooperating in monitoring the effects of the management of hazardous wastes.

12. Paragraph 18 (d)

For through waste reduction read through hazardous waste reduction

13. Paragraph 19 (a)

For incorporating waste prevention read incorporating hazardous waste prevention

14. Paragraph 20 (a)

For the sound management of wastes read the sound management of hazardous wastes

15. Paragraph 20 (b)

For based on read taking into account

16. Paragraphs 20 (c) and (f) should read

(c) Governments should work with industry on sector-by-sector cleaner production and hazardous waste minimization campaigns, as well as on the reduction of such wastes and other emissions;

(f) [Bilateral and multilateral development assistance agencies should substantially increase funding for cleaner technology transfer to developing countries and [economies in transition,] including small- and medium-sized enterprises.]

17. Paragraph 21, penultimate sentence

For the nature of hazardous materials read the nature of hazardous wastes

18. Paragraph 22 (d)

For hazardous materials read hazardous wastes

19. Paragraphs 22 (h) and (i)

For on health read on human health

20. Paragraph 23 (a)

For the risk to health read the risk to human health

21. Paragraph 25 should be deleted and the remaining paragraphs renumbered.

22. Paragraph 26 (c) should read

(c) Encourage self-sufficiency in hazardous waste disposal in the country of origin to the extent environmentally sound and feasible. The transboundary movements that take place should be based on environmental and economic grounds and upon agreements between all States concerned.

23. Paragraph 27 should be deleted and the remaining paragraphs renumbered.

24. Paragraph 29 (d) should read

(d) Governments and international organizations in cooperation with industry should expand technological research on environmentally sound hazardous waste handling, storage, transport, treatment and disposal, and hazardous waste assessment, management and remediation.

25. Paragraph 30 (c)

For waste read hazardous waste

26. Paragraphs 31 (a) and (b)

(a) For waste read hazardous waste

(b) For health read human health

27. Paragraph 31 (d)

For waste management read hazardous waste management

28. Paragraph 32 should read

32. [Wherever they operate, transnational corporations and other large-scale enterprises should be encouraged to introduce policies and commitments to adopt equivalent or not less stringent standards of operation than in the country of origin with reference to hazardous waste

generation and disposal, while Governments are invited to make efforts to establish regulations to require environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.]

29. Paragraph 36 (c) should read

(c) To promote development of clear definitions and guidelines in environmentally sound operation in resource recovery, recycling, reclamation, direct reuse or alternative uses, and the identification of acceptable levels and types of practices suitable for these purposes. with a view to establishing cut-off points for operational guidance as well as preventing abuses, disguise and false representation in the above operations.

30. Paragraph 37 (e) should read

(e) Consider setting up, at national and regional levels, as appropriate, systems for monitoring and surveillance of the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes;

31. The heading above paragraph 39 and paragraph 39 itself should be deleted.

32. The square brackets around section D, entitled "Prevention of illegal international traffic in hazardous wastes", should be removed.

33. The end of paragraph 43 should read on the countries which receive such shipments.

34. Paragraph 44 should read

44. Effective prevention requires action through effective monitoring, enforcement and imposition of appropriate penalties.

35. Paragraph 46 (b) should read

(b) Develop appropriate national enforcement programmes to monitor compliance with such legislation, detect and deter violations through appropriate penalties and give special attention to those who are known to have conducted illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and to hazardous wastes that are particularly susceptible to illegal traffic.

36. Paragraph 47 should read

47. Governments should develop, as appropriate, an information network and alert system to assist in detecting illegal traffic in hazardous wastes. Local communities and others could be involved in the operation of such a network and system.

37. Paragraph 49, third line

For should continue read shall continue

38. Paragraph 50 should read

50. Countries and international organizations, as appropriate, should cooperate to strengthen the institutional and regulatory capacities in particular between developing countries in order to prevent the illegal import and export of hazardous wastes.